

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

DAVID PARTRIDGE,

Plaintiff,

v.

SUNBELT RENTALS, INC.,

Defendant.

CASE NO. C08-5103BHS

ORDER RE: STIPULATION  
AND PROTECTIVE ORDER  
REGARDING  
CONFIDENTIALITY OF  
RECORDS AND DISCOVERY  
MATERIALS

This matter comes before the Court on the parties' Stipulation and Protective Order Regarding Confidentiality of Records and Discovery Materials (Dkt. 24). The Court has considered the stipulated protective order and the remainder of the file and hereby denies the protective order herein.

**I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND**

On May 13, 2008, the Court issued a scheduling order informing the parties that:

Pursuant to the General Order of the Court regarding Public Access to Electronic Case Files (filed 5/29/03), parties are to redact the following information from documents and exhibits before they are filed with the Court:

- \*Dates of Birth - redact to the year of birth
- \*Names of Minor Children - redact to the initials
- \*Social Security Numbers - redact to the last four digits



1 The parties may, of course, agree on confidentiality among themselves, but when  
2 they request that the Court be involved, they must make the requisite showing.  
3 Moreover, the Court will require a higher threshold when it is asked to seal motions, or  
4 documents attached to motions, that reach the merits of this action. *See Kamakana v. City*  
5 *and County of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172 (9th Cir. 2006).

6 Therefore, the Court denies the stipulated protective order and it will remain in the  
7 electronic file without force or effect.

### 8 **III. ORDER**

9 Therefore, it is hereby

10 **ORDERED** that the parties' Stipulation and Protective Order Regarding  
11 Confidentiality of Records and Discovery Materials (Dkt. 24) is **DENIED**.

12 DATED this 26th day of June, 2008.

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16 BENJAMIN H. SETTLE  
17 United States District Judge  
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